

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

The Rector, The Rev. W. Bevan Griffiths.
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SERVICES IN CHURCH. Please note times of Services.

December 5th. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Mattins 10 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m.
Evensong 6.30 p.m.
" 12th. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Family Communion 9.30 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m., Sunday School Play & Carols - "A Festival of Christmas Customs" 6 p.m.
" 19th. Holy Communion 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m., Service of Nine Lessons & Carols 6.30 p.m.
Christmas Eve. 11.30 p.m. Holy Communion.
CHRISTMAS DAY Holy Communion 8 a.m., Family Communion 10.30 a.m.
December 26th. St. Stephen. H.C. 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Children's Service 10.45 a.m. Evensong (SALD) 3 p.m.

The Church will be decorated on Thursday, 23rd December, at 10 a.m.

BRING & BUY COFFEE EVENING. We are grateful to Mr. & Mrs. Emlyn Jones for the Coffee Evening at their home. The sum of £25 was realised for Church Funds.

MOTHERS' UNION The Annual "Bring & Buy" will be held at the Rectory on Thursday, December 2nd, at 3 p.m. This is an open invitation to all. We are indebted to Mr. Leslie Chapman for his very interesting talk to the members of the Mothers' Union on 4th November.

HOLY MATRIMONY. October 30th. James McCORMICK and Anita MONTGOMERY. We wish Anita and James every happiness in their married life.

FUNERAL SERVICE, CREMATION & BURIAL. Florence Mabel Hollis, aged 64 years. We offer our sincerest sympathy to Mr. Ray Hollis and Family on the death of Mrs. Hollis after a long and serious illness. May the Souls of God's faithful Servants Rest in Peace.

SIDEMENS' ROTA. 8 a.m.

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| December 5th. | Mr. J.W. Woodall. | 9.30/10/10.30 a.m. | 6.30 p.m. |
| " 12th. | Mr. L. Thompson. | Mr. T.E. Jones. | Mr. D.A. Gallie/Mr. S. Berry. |
| " 19th. | Mr. J. Williams (Ch. Rd) | Mr. E. Hyde. | Mr. F. Cox/Mr. P. Green/Mr. Calloway |
| " 24th (11.30 p.m.) | Christmas Eve - Mr. P. Green, Mr. E. Clark, Mr. M. Bush. | | Mr. Dawson/Mr. E. Clark/Mr. J. Green |
| " 25th. | CHRISTMAS DAY. 8 a.m. Mr. J.W. Woodall & Mr. Calloway. | | |
| " 26th. | 8 a.m. Mr. D.A. Gallie and Mr. D. Webb. | | |
| | 10.30 a.m. Mr. W. Montgomery. 9.30 a.m. Mr. S. Berry. | | |

ALTAR FLOWERS

CHRISTMAS DAY. High Altar - Lady McGowan. St. Giles & Mrs. E. Hall.

The Rector and Mrs. Griffiths wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

BRAUNSTON METHODIST CHURCH.

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| December 5th. | 10.45 a.m. | Mr. A. Pavey. |
| 12th. | 10.45 a.m. | Mr. I. Gunthorpe. |
| 19th. | 10.45 a.m. | Carols. |
| 26th. | 10.45 a.m. | Daventry. |

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB. At the meeting on November 8th we welcomed a new member - Mrs. E. King. We think this a very unique occasion - already we had Mother, Father, and one daughter - Mr. & Mrs. Worrall and Mrs. Pittam - this making their second daughter. The Christmas Lunch will be held on Tuesday, 7th December - the time 12.30 for 12.45 p.m.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE. A Coffee Evening at Mrs. Reed's house raised the sum of £30.25 for "Help the Aged".

At our November Meeting Mrs. J. Collins, Nether Heyford gave us a very helpful and interesting talk and demonstration of Christmas decorations - she was thanked by Mrs. Arrowsmith. Our Singing Group - who last month entertained the Daventry Disabled Club, will repeat their show at our December Meeting. This will be an Open Meeting, (non-members 20p).

There will be a Barn Dance in the Village Centre on Saturday, 11th December. Tickets available - Members £1 each (two tickets per member). Non Members £1.25 can obtain tickets from the Post Office.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION. At the recently held A.G.M., three of the officials retired and new ones elected as follows:

Mr. P. Cole - Chairman.
Mrs. Mathews - Secretary.
Mr. B. Footitt - Treasurer.

Members of the Committee were then elected en bloc.

Two more trees have been planted, this time at the top of Butlin's Hill. One a flowering crabapple - presented by the Womens Institute in celebration of the Association's Silver Jubilee, and the other - a winter flowering cherry, by the retiring Chairman, Mr. John Reed. The fruit of neither tree is edible. The Chairman and Committee wish to express their thanks to all those who have helped during the course of the year, and also wish them well for Christmas and the New Year.

BRAUNSTON PLAY GROUP There will be a Coffee Morning in the Village Centre on Wednesday, 1st December, 10.30 - 12 noon. Please come along and buy your Christmas presents.

BRAUNSTON THEATRE CLUB. December 13th. Under Milk Wood, by Dylan Thomas. Book with Mr. L.W.Herne - 120 High St., Braunston (890130)

BRAUNSTON PARENT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION. The P.T.A. are holding a "Beetle Drive" on Friday 10th December, in the Village Centre - 6.30 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. There will be a Christmas Stall. Refreshments available. All are welcome.

BRAUNSTON YOUNG WIVES. After an enjoyable A.G.M. last meeting, our next meeting will be the annual Carol Singing around the village on Monday 20th December. We meet at 6.30 p.m. at the bottom of Greenway.

VILLAGE NOTES. At the November Meeting of the Parish Council attention was given to the acquisition of land to provide allotments. Will anyone interested in obtaining an allotment write or phone Mr. G.E. Green, 10 North Close (Tel. 890057).

At this time of the year when we are sweeping up leaves and making them into compost with vegetable waste, we could well consider the place of the earthworms in the economy of nature. They burrow into the earth, taking with them fragments of leaves or other organic matter which helps to leaven heavy soils and to hold moisture in those liable to become too dry. The lemon shaped egg case about $\frac{1}{4}$ " long contains 6 eggs, but only one develops.

Charles Darwin, who in the last century revolutionised ideas on biology, observed the habits and work of earthworms in the fields around his home at Downe in Kent. For thirty years he noted their activities, and proved that they were of the utmost importance to farmer and gardener.

The Editor wishes to thank all who have contributed to, and distributed, the Braunston Village News during 1976, and wishes them and all our Readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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